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For: IMAGE READING IMAGING OPTICAL) October 4, 2004
SYSTEM AND IMAGE READING)
APPARATUS USING THE SAME)

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Sir:

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Of the references, we note that EP 0 814 596 is in the same family as U.S. Patent No. 6,088,134, already of record in this case.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

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Respectfully submitted,

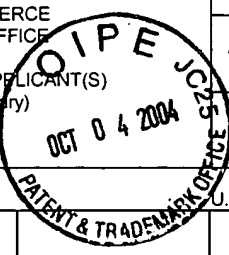
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